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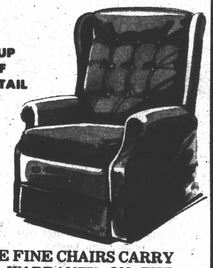

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Wildflowers star in tour

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

"There's more to our forests than trees," and wildflower lovers who took advantage of the tours offered by Westvaco on Monday through Thursday of last week had the opportunity to see many of the beautiful wildflowers native to Virginia in the peak of blooming.

The tours which took place on the Irvin Tract of Property belonging to Westvaco near New London were conducted by Westvaco foresters.

One trail began along a ridgetop, drops to the banks of a creek and ends in an open field. The differences in these three habitats are reflected in the vegetation and wildflowers that are found in each area.

Many of the wildflowers found in the woods in the spring of the year grow from rhizomes, corms, bulbs or tubers that have lain dormant through the winter months. The natural mulch of fallen leaves generates heat and this gives the wildflowers and early start on spring growth.

Wildflowers found in a hardwood forest must bloom and ripen their fruit before the tree leaves attain enough growth to block out sunlight and life. Within a period of four or five weeks they must complete a whole year's cycle.

In the area in which the tours were conducted the peak of blooming is usually during the last week of April and the first week in May, but of course, varying weather conditions may change the blooming season a bit.

Not only did the tour guides point out the wildflowers along the trail but took the time to mention interesting facts about various plants. Did you know that the leaves of the Virginia Bluebells taste like oysters? Or that all species in the mint family have square stems?

Spring wildflowers grow more abundantly in wet areas such as springs or on banks of streams. Westvaco follows a policy of reserving 'buffer strips' along the streams on property they own and this assures that an abundance of wildflowers will always be found on Westvaco property.

Westvaco, formerly West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, had its beginning in 1888 when the company was started by a paper chemist. The company has grown to five locations today and is dedicated to a multiple use forestry program.

Although fiber production is the major objective of Westvaco's corporate timberlands, the potential multiple use benefits of the company's land base are fully recognized and respected. Besides providing wood, Westvaco's scientifically managed forests provide food and habitat for wildlife, help erosion control, protect watersheds and offer opportunities for recreation and give us natural beauty.

The preservation of wildflowers and wildlife management is a part of Westvaco's multiple use forestry program.

Each Westvaco Woodlands has a wildlife and recreation program as part of its forest resources management plan. The management choices of wildlife species and type of recreation activity are based upon local conditions.

Westvaco's Wildflower/-Woodlands Tour is an annual event and includes, in addition to the guided tours, a brief talk with facts and figures concerning our woodlands which followed luncheon provided by Westvaco.

Wright, Moore elected

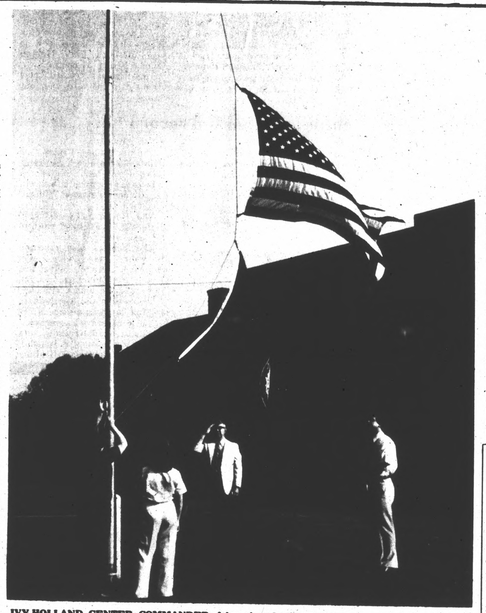
Miss Susan Wright, Child Abuse Coordinator and Ms. Eva Moore, Social Work Supervisor, were elected to the respective offices of chairman and secretary at the April 28, meeting of the Appomattox County Multidiscipline team for child welfare.

Team members with representatives from the Appomattox Health Department, Tenth Juvenile and Domestic Court, Appomattox school system, sheriff's department, commonwealth attorney, volunteer coordinators, and local doctors focus on treatment and reduction of child abuse.

The group evaluates and assesses child abuse symptoms related to multiple problem family situations. Composite thinking of team members seeks alternatives for effective resolutions of family problems thereby eliminating stresses resulting in child abuse.

Miss Wright, foster care and protective services coordinator, a graduate of Longwood College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright, Hoeseland, Virginia. Previous field training in the areas of foster care, adoptions, adult services, parenting groups, ADC services, custody investigations, and mental health services was received at the Buckingham Department of Social Services and Lynchburg Training School and Hospital.

Miss Moore, the daughter of Louis Moore and the late Mrs. Moore, a graduate of Longwood College, was formerly a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corp and an elementary grade school teacher in the Appomattox school system.



IVY HOLLAND, CENTER, COMMANDER of American Legion Post 104 is shown saluting the flags recently presented to the Appomattox Elementary School and the American Legion Post 104. Far right is Tom Bowman, principal of AES and in the foreground are Curtis Moore and Dana Lee.

School board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet next Wednesday, May 13, at 3 p.m. in the school board office on Main Street.

Items of interest on the agenda for this meeting include the board's consideration of a policy concerning reduction of personnel, a report on accreditation of schools by the state board of education, consideration of an agreement with Moses Motor Company regarding the use of a car for the driver training program, and a review of social studies minimum competency testing

Lions name officers

The Appomattox Lions Club elected officers for the 1981-82 year at their regular meeting on April 23.

Elected as president was Gerald D. Wilbun; Floyd E. Williams, 1st vice president; James C. Sefter, 2nd vice-president; Marvin J. House, Jr., 3rd vice-president; R. Murrell Ferguson, secretary and treasurer; Ronald C. Spiggle, Tail Twister; Daniel H. Turner III, Lion Tamer.

Elected as directors for a two-year term were W. Eston Harvey and Dr. Ken A. Powell; elected as directors for one year were Joe B. Terry and Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien.

The officers will be installed at the June 25 meeting.

Demo delegates chosen

Appomattox delegates to the state Democratic Convention were chosen at a mass meeting of the Appomattox County Democratic Party last Monday in the County Court House.

John Hunter, J. Franklin Vaughan, Harry G. Lawson, John A. "Jack" Martin, Monte W. Mays, Seibert McCoy, James Eugene Richardson, and Ronald C. Spiggle were all elected to represent Appomattox as delegates at both the Fifth District and State Conventions.

In addition, elected as alternates were Watkins Abbitt, Jr., Gary W. Brooks, James R. Ford, and R. W. Mitchell.

The State Convention will be held in the Virginia Beach Convention Center May 29 and 30.

The Fifth District Convention will be held May 16 at Charlotte Court House.

Groups asked for support

County clean-up starts

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

A concentrated effort to clean up Appomattox County got underway May 2 and will continue through May 9....designated as "Clean-Up Week for the county.

Bill Britton, chairman of the county clean-up campaign urges all residents to get busy if you haven't already done so and "pick-up, paint-up and clean-up."

A contest was held in Appomattox County schools between individual classes to determine which class could obtain the greatest number of signatures on the **Help Keep Appomattox County Clean And Beautiful Agreement.** The contest ended April 26 and prizes will be awarded May 6.

Mrs. Winnie Agee's second grade class at the Appomattox Primary School wrote letters to the Editor of the **Times-Virginian** urging citizens to join in the effort to clean up our county. (See below)

In the office of Bill Caldwell there is a 'Clean-Up' map of the county. Anytime an individual or business accepts the responsibility of cleaning a given area, a green line is drawn on the map designating that this area is being cleaned. One man in town took this challenge very seriously.

Dick Burke of J. A. Burke Insurance Company and a crew of volunteers really 'got down to business' about cleaning up the county.

Working together Dick and his crew cleaned up road 647 north of 460 to road 613 and road 68 from 647 to 667.

In the process they collected 40 bags of trash which were hauled to the disposal area by Garland Ranson.

Burke awarded prizes to those of his crew: Carol Ann Harvey and Audrey Robinson working as a team received first prize; second prize went to Calvin Elliott; Sam Hicks won third prize and honorable mention went to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Worley.

Burke challenges other individuals or businesses to do as much or even more than they accomplished in the effort to clean-up Appomattox County.

In addition, Burke is offering a $25.00 reward to anyone who gives information leading to the conviction of anyone littering in our county. This is a standing offer and will remain in effect even after Clean-Up Week is officially over.

Britton would like to remind citizens that plastic trash bags are available at the office of Bill Caldwell, located in the old jail building. In addition to trash bags, also available are posters, stickers and buttons.

"Come by and get whatever you need," says Britton, "let's get this campaign going and keep it going even after May 9 is past."

Grown-ups should know better!!!

Editor's Note: Following are letters condemning litter written by members of Mrs. Winnie Agee's second grade class at APS. The students' spellings were left unchanged for effect.

Dear Editor,
I think litter is ugly. I think people should start picking it up. Litter pollutes water and other things. So we can't swim and play in the parks. Some people can get hurt.
Yours Truly,
Becky Hall

Dear Editor,
I think everyone should pick together.
Yours Truly
Terrell Booker Second Grade APS

Dear Editor
I think that Litter is a big problem to the State of Virginia. It gets lakes dirty so we can't swim.
Yours Truly
Matt. Wilkerson

If we start now the lakes, streams and rivers will be clean to swim and play in. Yours Truly,
Amy Slade

Dear Editor,
I am writing you to tell about pollution. People are being very careless about litter! I think that people should clean up this mess now!
Yours Truly,
Stacy Staten
second Grad, A.P.S.

Dear Editor,
I think pollution is ugly and I want people to clean up, don't you? I think litter smells bad. Litter looks ugly thrown in parks, lakes and other places. So clean up!
Yours Truly,
Julie Notestein
Second Grade APS

Dear Editor,
I think we should do something about cleaning up our community. There are people who litter in it. Now's the time to do it in parks, sidewalks and streets, on highways and other places. You can do something about it.
Your Truly
Kim Forrest
Second Grade APS

Dear Editor
I wish people would stop littering and keep Appomattox County clean. I'm helping everywhere. My brother is helping too. We are working.

Dear Editor,
Please stop litter and pollution. It makes our country look ugly. Some people get hurt. Some people get killed. Please help us clean up.
Yours Truly
Jimmy Fedison

Dear Editor
I think that we should keep Appomattox clean. We had a hurts animals and people. I think that grownups should know better.
Yours Truly,
Darin Kidd
Second Grade APS

Dear Editor,
Please stop the litter bugs that are messing up the world. People every year get killed by litter. Please stop! We're depending on you.
Your truly,
Angela Chambers
Second Grade APS

Dear Editor,
We are working on litter. Will you help us keep Ameica clean? Please do help us. We'll help you and you will help us too. Thank you.
Yours Truly,
Anthony Second Grade A.P.S.

Dear Editor,
Our classroom is trying to help fight litter. Everybody thinks groups should know better. Let's try not to be a litterbug.
Yours Truly,
Kristen Kramer
Second Grade APS

Dear Editor,
I think we should make our community clean. We should clean up the community right now! It is very messy. I think if we all work together we can clean it up and be proud of it.
Your Truly,
Wendy

Dear Editor,
I am so sad people litter. I think people should clean it up, don't you?
Yours Truly,
Martha Adair
Nolen Second Grade, APS

Dear Editor,
I hate litter. If everybody works together to fight litter we can destroy litter. Litter kills people and animals. I think adults should know better!
Yours truly,
David Patton

Dear Editor,
I think there should be a law against littering. People who litter should be arrested, don't you? Litter is killing the fish and hurting people. Adults should know better but they don't.
Yours truly
Steve Houge 2nd grade APS

Dear Editor,
Littering is a problem in Appomattox. Litterbugs mess up our world and makes it ugly. I think we should clean the world up. I want to say something. Only the people who clean up are nice.
Yours Truly,
Joey Watson

Dear Editor,
We just read a story about litterbugs. How can we stop this? The spoilers are spoiling the world. How can we stop this pollution?-Would you help keep Appomattox clean?
Yours Truly
Aneetra Daniels

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN BOBINSON

Insofar as I am concerned, the big news of the week is that my garden spot has been plowed and is ready for action. I have a hoe, a rake and a variety of seed packets and flower bulbs and if there is any way to make a mess of it, I will, for I am not a good gardener. Think will plant sunflowers around the edges and if they do well they will detract attention from what may or may not be inside. A squirrel I have named The Martha Street Strutter, is already on the spot and I hope glad bulbs are not on his menu. Blast off time is this afternoon. If'n I neglect my lawnmowing 'twill be because of radish planting and If I plant'em too deep that because of the coveys of blackbirds uninvited to the windowside birdfeeder. Ah yes, most Appomattox gardeners are well along. A friend gave us some spring onions. Thanks. Looks like my fig bush is not going to make it this time, for despite all my efforts, honeysuckle choked it out. Among the items I clipped from another paper was one about ramps. The ramp is a cross between an onion and garlic and is described as "the vilest smelling, sweetest tasting plant" that grows. Well, on May 10 at Whitetop in Grayson County they will stage the fourth annual Ramp Festival, including ramp eating contests for adults and children as well as a variety of entertainment. Sorry, can't make it. Who will have the first gardenripe tomatoes? Not me, but wish you luck.

School graduation time is nearing and that is excitment for many families. I note that U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater will be commencement speaker at VMI and Sen. John Warner at my alma mater, U. of Richmond.

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Notepad item: If the people in Poland are called Poles, are those in Holland Holes? Appomattox folk are Appomatians and I see a news item calling those from our neighbor Buckingham County, Buckamites. From a sports item, the full name of the newsworthy manager of the Oakland Raiders is Alfred Manual Martin. We know him as "Billy." Names fascinate me. Example, in Southampton County there is "Assamoosick Swamp."

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Coming events: May 8-10, Folk Festival, Arlington; May 10, 14th annual reenactment of the Battle of New Market featuring VMI Cadets; May 13, Jamestown Day at Jamestown Festival Park; May 13-17, Virginia Poultry Festival, Harrisonburg, May 15-16, Wildflower Festival on the Mountaintop, Wintergreen Resort.

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Thinking of you - those friends now in or just returned from hospitals.

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The death toll on Virginia highways is now at about 300, about thirty more than at same date last year. Why? On small suggestion is that we try to use non-peak traffic hours.

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Softball anyone? About time. Some teams are already playing. And I note such small attendance at school baseball games. Many of us are in the habit of getting our sports viewing from TV. I have not seen a live baseball game for years. And, say, why do pro golfers wear white shoes?

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

After short illness

Bessie Seay dies

Bessie Millehan Seay, 58, for approximately 13 years the owner and operator of Bessie's Snack Bar and Restaurant died Tuesday, May 5 at 2:10 a.m. in the Lynchburg General Hospital following an illness.

Born, reared, and educated in Roanoke, she was the daughter of the late Abdo and Christine Nero Millehan.

She was a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Marion Seay of Appomattox; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles Michael and Linda Seay of Lynchburg; five brothers, Patrick T. Millehan, George Millehan, Abraham Millehan, Andrew Millehan and Joseph Millehan all of Roanoke; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Du Vall of Troutville, Va. and Miss Zana Millehan of Roanoke.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 2 p. m. at Robinson Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Liberty Cemetery.

Fund drive continues

The American Red Cross was founded on May 17, 1881.....one hundred years of people helping people.

If, for one reason or another, you have not been contacted by the volunteer in your area and you wish to donate, please mail your contribution to Red Cross, Appomattox, Va. 24522 or leave it at the Farmers National Bank with Bill Hunter.

The American Red Cross goal for Appomattox County this year is $2,000. Give generously so that Appomattox will continue to be a county and town of people helping people.

Mrs. Bessie M. Seay